



MEMORANDUM

To: Region 9 Members

From: David Conti, MD
Region 9 Councillor

Subject: OPTN/UNOS Regional Representative Committee Appointments, fall regional meeting information, link to June Board meeting summary

Date: August 12, 2011

I would like to thank the following individuals for their service as regional representatives to the following OPTN/UNOS committees for terms ending June 2011:

Finance Center	David Bekofsky, MS, <i>Stony Brook University Medical Center</i>
Histocompatibility Center at Syracuse	Charlene Hubbell, MT, SBB, <i>SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse</i>
Living Donor Pancreas	Paul Gaglio, MD, <i>Montefiore Medical Center</i> Mark Laftavi, MD, FACS, <i>Buffalo General Hospital</i>
Transplant Administrators Center	Nancy Metzler, <i>University of Rochester Medical Center</i>
Transplant Coordinators	Rose Rodriguez, RN, MS, CPNP, CCTC, <i>New York-Presbyterian Medical Center</i>

I would like to welcome and congratulate the regional representatives selected for the July 2011 – June 2013 (unless otherwise noted) term:

Finance	Jim Aranda, MBA, <i>New York Organ Donor Network</i>
Histocompatibility	Rex Friedlander, BS, CHS, <i>The Rogosin Institute</i>
Living Donor Medical Center	Carlos Marroquin, MD, <i>University of Rochester</i>
Pancreas	Bernd Schroppel, MD, <i>Mount Sinai Medical Center</i>
Transplant Administrators (2011-2014)	Karen Berger, <i>Westchester Medical Center</i>
Transplant Coordinators	Charles Gonder, RN, RRT, CPTC, <i>New York Organ Donor Network</i>

The following OPTN/UNOS Committees will have a regional representative opening in 2012:

- Kidney
- Liver & Intestine
- Minority Affairs

- MPSC
- Operations & Safety
- OPO
- Pediatric
- Thoracic

Nomination forms for these positions will be distributed this fall.

Please see the attached committee roster for a listing of all individuals from Region 9 serving on committees as: Regional Representatives, At-Large Members, Vice-Chairs or Chairs.

The OPTN/UNOS June Board meeting was held on June 28-29, 2011. Following is a link to the Executive Summary of this meeting: <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/executiveSummary.asp>. The policy notice containing the details for each policy and bylaw modification that was approved during this meeting is located on the OPTN website:

<http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/news/newsDetail.asp?id=1491>.

The fall 2011 Region 9 meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held at the Albany Marriott Hotel, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY. For those members who require an overnight accommodation, **please contact the hotel by September 22, 2011** to reserve a room at a discounted rate of \$129 (there are a limited number of rooms available at this price). Please call the reservations line at (800) 443-8952. When making a reservation, mention code "UNNA" to receive the discounted rate. **We are also planning an educational day that will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at the same hotel.** Additional information for this meeting will be sent soon.

Public comment proposals distributed in September will be discussed during this meeting. An agenda will be sent four weeks prior to the meeting date.